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“We’re working for the same goal.”

I was a young man living in South Louisiana when I knew that the Lord had called me into the ministry. While I knew that this was a special calling, I had no idea what to expect because I didn’t grow up around ministry or in a ministry family.

I moved to Covington, Virginia, in late August of 2005, due to a hurricane having devastated my region. I began attending Life Line Ministries in Hot Springs. Pastor Frank Neff, who at the time had been the pastor for 28 years, allowed me the opportunity to minister in Bible studies and also on Sunday mornings in his absence. In 2010, I began my first pastorate in Galax, Virginia, and I look back on those years in thanksgiving as I see the process that the Lord took me through and the maturity that resulted. But at Camp Meeting 2013, God began to allow me to be a part of something unique and special. It was then that Pastor Neff began to speak to me about his retirement and shared that in praying in regard to a successor, my name had come to the forefront. As we stood in the parking lot near the location of our new cafeteria and training center, I cannot begin to describe the emotions of that day, due to my deep respect for Pastor Neff and also for the love that I have for the people that took me in as one of their own back in 2005.

As Pastor Neff has previously written for the *Messenger*, this transition in pastoral roles became like a relay race, handing over of the baton, and it is my great honor to have received the baton from such a man as him. Any pastoral transition can be challenging for everyone: 1) for the outgoing pastor, who loves the congregation dearly; 2) for the congregation, who loves and has made relationships with their pastor; and 3) for the incoming pastor, who at times may not know anyone and may feel the pressure of “how it was done before.”

In a relay race, there are various differences between the runners: height, weight, ethnicity, form of running, etc. Yet with all these differences, one thing remains the same: they all run toward the same goal. And so it is in ministry. No two pastors are alike, but we are all on the same team seeking to accomplish the same goal. The transition process has been beautiful at Life Line Ministries, in large part because the congregation got to see firsthand the different “looks” of the “runners” and how we are all working together toward the same goal – Kingdom expansion.

Today, when he is not traveling with his evangelistic ministry, Pastor Neff attends services at Life Line. In fact, on occasion, he will also speak for me in my absence. Numerous people have said, “We like that we can still hear Pastor Neff, but we’re thankful for the pastor we have now.” I would certainly say that the passing of the baton has been a success.

Don’t get me wrong, we have our share of unique challenges and growing pains, but I have no doubt that the explanation for navigating such things with ease and resilience is because of the transition process that was seen by all... and just like in a relay race, everyone wins!

God bless you REAL BIG!

–Pastor Zachary Royer
Life Line Ministries

MYRTLE WOOD DIES AT 97

After 74 years of ministry, Myrtle Jernigan Wood, 97, peacefully met her Lord on Monday, May 29, 2017. She was granted her minister's license in 1943 with the Appalachian Conference, and she was preceded in death by her husband Curtis Wood in 1989. The funeral service was held at Family Worship Center in Pulaski, Virginia, with Dr. C. R. Conner officiating, along with remarks by sons David Wood and Barry Wood. Burial was in the conference cemetery in Dublin. Only eternity will reveal the results of her many prayers for her family and others.

SEPTEMBER RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 1

Rev. Donald Scott
654 Ivanhoe Road
Max Meadows, VA 24360

SEPTEMBER 12

Rev. Mrs. Geraleen Talmage
P.O. Box 1467
Dublin, VA 24084

SEPTEMBER 16

Rev. Irvin Corner
164 Glenda Lane
Lewisburg, WV 24901

SEPTEMBER 22

Rev. Mrs. Linda Alley
602 Ft. Chiswell Road
Max Meadows, VA 24360

SEPTEMBER 30

Rev. Okey King
P.O. Box 53
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SEPTEMBER 30

Rev. Mrs. Margaret Rogers
5847 Jewell Ave.
Dublin, VA 24084

SEPTEMBER 30

Rev. Jerry Shepherd
3063 Glasgow Road
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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

4	Labor Day (Office Closed)
8-10	Boys' Ministries Retreat
10	Grandparents' Day
10-16	Girls' Ministries Week
15-16	Maranatha College Classes
26	WIN Prayer Call
27	See You at the Pole
30	EQUIP Discipleship Ministries Training

RETIRED MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

On Saturday, June 3, our retired ministers were honored with a delicious meal, provided by the conference, at the new ministry center. Richard and Renee Kingrea gave an entertaining program, and Wanda Myers provided inspiring music. We owe a great deal to our retired ministers, and we say thank you for your faithfulness to the call.



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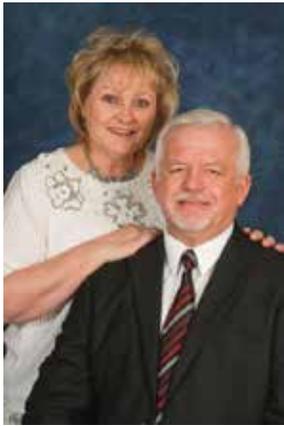
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LARRY MEADORS

Support Your Conference Missionaries

It is a great time to have a missionary for a service in your church. Or invite them for a coffee to learn more about their passion for the Great Commission. Our conference has three missionary couples who are itinerating at this present time. They need your help in raising their budget to be able to return to the field.



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Global Outreach offering total so far: \$61,600.19
Please keep raising those Global Offering funds for much-needed ministry around the world.

2018 Conference Missions Trip **ROMANIA**

April 24 – May 3, 2018
\$1,750



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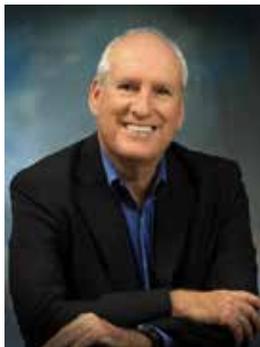
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Preparing You Today, So That You Can Lead Tomorrow!

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APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE TRAINING CENTER, DUBLIN, VIRGINIA

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

9 A.M. – 4 P.M.



Keynote Speaker: Hans Finzel – “10 Keys to Effective Leadership”; Student Advisory Team: Stephen Jones, Kaleigh Bishop and Josh Lafferty; Family and Children’s Ministry: Lindsey Snider; Worship Leadership: Melanie Wayne and Clayton Kipps; and Church Record Keeping: Rhonda Smith



CLASS SCHEDULE

9:00 – 9:30

Welcome

9:30 – 10:20

Hans Finzel: For All Leaders

10:30 – 11:20

Hans Finzel: For All Leaders

11:30 – 12:15

LUNCH: Chic-Fil-A Box Lunch

12:15 – 1:00

“For Pastors Only”: Hans Finzel

“Building Children’s Ministry, A Practical Guide”: Lindsey Snider

“Youth Ministry in a Millennial Culture”: Stephen Jones

“Help, I’m a Bi-Vocational Leader”: Josh Lafferty

“Marketing and Branding Youth Ministry”: Kaleigh Bishop

Church Finance & Record Keeping: Rhonda Smith

Worship Leaders: Melanie Wayne and Clayton Kipps

1:15 – 2:00

“For Pastors Only”: Hans Finzel

“Recruiting and Keeping Volunteers”: Lindsey Snider

“TBH, I Can’t Even... Tips and Tricks for Keeping Up With Culture”: Stephen Jones

“Shifting Towards a Discipleship-Driven Youth Model”: Josh Lafferty

“Developing a Creative Culture”: Kaleigh Bishop

Church Finance & Record Keeping (REPEAT): Rhonda Smith

Worship Leaders Session 2: Melanie Wayne and Clayton Kipps

2:15 – 3:00

“The Local Missions Director”: Larry Meadors

“Building Your Own Children’s Ministry” (Recap): Lindsey Snider

“BAE, Cray and Slay... It’s Lt Fam”: Stephen Jones

“Tips and Tricks for the Bi-Vocational Leader”: Josh Lafferty

“Ministry Marketing and Developing a Creative Culture” (Recap):

Kaleigh Bishop

Church Finance & Recording Keeping (REPEAT): Rhonda Smith

Worship Leaders Session 3: Melanie Wayne and Clayton Kipps

3:15 – 4:00

“Missions”: Hans Finzel

“The State of Youth Ministry”: Reverse Panel Discussion with Stephen

Jones, Kaleigh Bishop, Josh Lafferty, Lindsey Snider

Church Finance & Record Keeping: Rhonda Smith

Worship Session 4: Melanie Wayne and Clayton Kipps

The EQUIP Leadership Conference is for all pastors, board members, youth and children’s leaders, worship leaders, church secretaries and treasurers, as well as teachers and volunteers in the local church.

REGISTRATION is \$25 per person and includes lunch. For group discount, contact the Discipleship Ministries office.

For more information and registration, contact the Discipleship Ministries Office at 540-674-4131, ext. 201.



Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



HARVEST TIME

Here it is the month of August, and for many of you, it is harvest time. The tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and many other vegetables are ready to be picked and canned or frozen. I recently read Psalm 126, which talks about precious seeds and harvest.

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion,
we were like them that dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with singing:
then said they among the heathen,
The LORD hath done great things for them.

³ The LORD hath done great things for us;
whereof we are glad.

⁴ Turn again our captivity, O LORD,
as the streams in the south.

⁵ They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

⁶ He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed,
shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
bringing his sheaves *with him*.



Do you feel like you're being held captive by something in life? In the fourth chapter of his Gospel, Mark tells us that the Word of God is seed. There are seeds of many kinds. There are salvation seeds, prosperity seeds, seeds for peace, seeds for healing, and many more. I encourage you to get some seeds and sow them in the soil of your heart today. As this Psalm says, you will be "bearing precious seed [and] shall DOUBTLESS come again with rejoicing" (126:6, emphasis added). Sheaves of salvation, sheaves of healing, and sheaves of peace will be yours. You'll be free from captivity because God's Word never fails. Your harvest will be great.

Raising Hope

Our third annual Raising Hope Conference will be September 16 on the Conference campgrounds in Dublin from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Classes will start at 9 a.m. Break-out sessions are as follows:

- Igniting the Fire – From heart to tongue
- Walking Through the Fire – Where's the exit, please?
- Smokin' Hot – Coming out alive, now what?
- Shaken and Rattled – Rising up to take your place

Women's Ministries Fall Retreat

Date: November 3, 2017, 7 p.m.
Place: Dublin Campground Tabernacle
Speaker: Beth Stephens-Johnson
Registration: \$15.00

Christmas Offering – Due August 30
Feast of Ingathering – October 6
Fall Retreat – November 3
Harvest Train – November 21



World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE SKY

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring” (Luke 21:25).

Ready or not, a major TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE will cross the United States, from the West Coast to the East Coast, on August 21, 2017. The PATH OF TOTALITY will stretch from Salem, Oregon, to Charleston, South Carolina. The August 21, 2017, eclipse is the first total solar eclipse with a path that exclusively occurs within the United States since 1776! Semidarkness will last for more than 2 hours and 30 minutes, depending on location, and the temperature will drop about 25 degrees.



TOURIST ATTRACTION – Already, many people are planning vacations along the Path of Totality to view this event. Fourteen states lie in this path. CAUTION: Everyone should wear protective eclipse glasses on this day during the time the eclipse crosses their region. Several sources suggest that this will be the most-viewed eclipse ever!

SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE – The TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE occurs on the Jewish holiday known as Elul. Elul is the month preceding Rosh Hashanah. It is a time for intensive introspection, repentance, and drawing close to God. Repentance is the spiritual theme. Also, BLOWING OF THE SHOFAR is performed. The shofar sounds reflect the tone of repentance. According to tradition, this month of Elul was the time that Moses spent on Mount Sinai. He was preparing the second set of tablets after the people sinned with the golden calf (Exodus 32 & 34).

WONDERS IN THE HEAVENS – “The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come” (Joel 2:31).



STEVE WINESETT
NEW MEN’S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



MINISTRY TO MEN

Men’s Ministries helps present every man with a credible offer of the Gospel, encourages them to pursue God, and equips them for spiritual service in the home, church, workplace, community and world.

To successfully pursue our mission, we must know the Gospel that we offer. We encourage you to purposely take time to read the Bible every day. It will become a blessing in your life and equip you to present God’s grace to others.

We must also continually pursue God and be obedient to His direction. Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to pray continually. Be aware of God’s presence, and seek an uninterrupted relationship with Him.

Understand the amazing evolution that is possible through spiritual service. Our spiritual maturity is reflected by our spiritual service. Through reading God’s Word and pursuing a deeper relationship with Him, you can allow the Holy Spirit to fill your life with miraculous purpose.

Men’s Ministries continues to provide spiritual and financial support to Alternative to Abortion Ministries of Falcon Children’s Home. The next fundraiser golf tournament will be August 11 at Blue Ridge Country Club in Galax, Virginia. Visit the conference website or call 540-674-4131 for an information flyer or registration form. If you can’t attend but would like to donate or sponsor a hole for \$100, please contact me or Ron Fredericks.

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LIBERTY HILL CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Liberty Hill P.H. Church, in the Piney community of Wythe County, Pastor Bobby Lewis and wife Irene, and the congregation celebrated the 100th anniversary of the church on September 11, 2016. The first Liberty Hill church congregation came out of Mount Zion United Methodist Church when an outpouring of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, began. Since the first church was built in 1916, Liberty Hill has worshipped in two more new buildings, built in 1952 and in 2015.



The day began with introduction and prayer by Pastor Bobby Lewis. Brother Reed Fisher was then honored with a plaque in recognition of his 54 years of faithful service as a Sunday school teacher. A slide show was presented recognizing the 30 pastors that have served the church in the past 100 years. Jeremiah 3:15 says, "I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Praise and worship music, songs and hymns were led by the Liberty Hill choir and musicians. Special speakers were selected from preachers who had received their call to preach while attending Liberty Hill Church. Those speakers were Pastor Hal Lewis, Pastor Kent Lewis, Pastor Lewis Arnold and Pastor Gary Dunford.

After closing remarks and a prayer of thanksgiving, a catered lunch was enjoyed, with the ladies of the church providing the desserts (too much good food, as is common with most homecomings). During the day, Cindy Dowdy was available to take family photos to be used in a scrapbook planned for the future.

After lunch, an afternoon of singing was enjoyed with featured guest Sister Elva Dunford, the Mike Gray Family (who have a prison ministry) and the group All for Jesus. The Liberty Hill Christian Education team designed and supervised an outdoor event for an evening of fun and games for the children, including face painting, water slide, bouncy house, balloon twisting, games and puppet ministry.

The all-day centennial celebration was great, with much fellowship in sharing our love of God and love for each other! We would like to thank each and every one who helped make this day such a great success. We give a special thank-you to our guests and visitors for sharing your time with us. We extend to all of you an invitation to our 101st homecoming to be held September 10, 2017.